BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 96-282-C - ORDER NO. 96-777

NOVEMBER 12, 1996

IN RE: Application of GTE South, Inc. for) ORDER
Approval of Depreciation Rates to be ESTABLISHING
Effective January 1, 1996.) PRE-FILING
DEADLINES

This matter is before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) for the purpose of establishing pre-filing deadlines for testimony and exhibits. Pursuant to 26 S.C. Regs. 103-869(C)(Supp. 1995), the Commission hereby orders that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Applicant shall be pre-filed on or before January 2, 1997, and that twenty-five copies of the testimony and exhibits of the Commission Staff and/or any intervenors shall be pre-filed on or before January 16, 1997. In addition, parties shall serve their pre-filed testimony and exhibits on all other parties of record as required by the Commission's Rules and Regulations.

Please take note that any party requesting modification of this schedule must file a request for such modification with the Commission.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

ATTEST:

Deputy

executive Directo

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